

THE NIXON TRIP - Cause of Demonstrations and Prior Knowledge Thereto

The Committee has asked for information as to whether the incidents which occurred during the visit of the Vice President were organized rather than spontaneous and the extent to which they were anticipated and U. S. officials were forewarned.

Where the incidents took on serious character as in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela, there is clear indication that the demonstrations were carefully organized and planned, and that in each case Communist agitators and organizers were the moving spirit. Of course, other disaffected elements joined in. Mob psychology is a strange phenomena and under its influence members of a great throng themselves participate in demonstrations in which they have no interest and no prior motivation. The Communists are past-masters in mob psychology in organizing demonstrations.

Generally, reasonable police protection can handle such demonstrations before they become serious and mob psychology ~~never~~ develops. To a large extent in Lima and almost completely in Caracas, the promised police protection was not furnished.

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